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A term he served in Prison,  
A fine he had to pay--  
A hundred dollars down in cash  
Before he could come away

Now we honor our dear parents  
And the part they had to play,  
Through trials and tribulations  
Until our dying day.

Composed by Catherine Campbell Murdoch Hicken  
August 16, 1921, for the Murdoch reunion.



Isabella Crawford, Ann Steel,  
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Picture of John Murray Murdoch and Ann Steel Murdoch taken at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration.



This picture of John Murray Murdoch and Isabella Crawford was taken at Ann Steel and John's golden wedding celebration February 24, 1898.





"Home Sweet Home" Heber, Wasatch, Utah.



*Maybell, Ellie and Annie*

Pa's sleigh and horses, left to right:  
Maybell, friend Effie and Annie.